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Choice Poetry.

THEY ALL BELONG TO ME.

BY ELIZA COOK.

I care not who may reckon
The wheel piled up in sacks,
Nor who has power to freeken
The woodman with his axe;
I care not who holds honor
Or the opinion of the dell,
Nor who may count the flowers
When the flocks are fit to sell
While there's beauty none can barter
By the possessor and the lover—
Claim who will he won't a charter—
Yet they all belong to me.

There's the thick and dangling cluster
Where the bee and pleasure play;
There are sheets of rosy clover
Where the lambs are scared away;
There are tufts of thick and prickly,
There are bushes rich and free,
There are bands of wild deer coursing,
There are herds of tame ones lowing,
And in color round or runway
The value they have to me
Is beyond how far gold can measure,
For I love all belong to me.

In a single meadow daisy
Is cause I love the hill;
In a single leaf of the ivy
I recognize the rill;
In a single bud of the primrose
I find the vernal dawn;
In a single bee I see the summer
Is coming on.

Then I love the whole
The sod how green may spread
I love the shadow of the bough
When sunshine on the field
Or the sunshine of the meadow
Is all that I can see,
Or the whole landscape
Is the same to me.

Oh, privilege and blessing,
Oh, power of Nature's Maker,
Imagine future joys in heaven
Or bliss we may partake,
Oh, joys of Eden Bower,
Who gave such boon to me?
Who made me love the flowers
Which charm for me and you?
For while the world is teeming
With many things to please,
They all belong to me.

Neat the co with received this epistle from the publishers of Godey's Lady's Book:

MRS. MEGGINSON BAYMOUNT:—

Madam—We have concluded your husband has used enough from his pay for by a contemptible fellow, and we have determined not to pay in spending it. You and your sisters have been living on him long enough, and you and your children, and you know your sons and prudent husband, and we have determined to gather our money from him. Signed, Mr. Fratt Crangle, left you nothing in his will, and you have no claim on him. Signed, Why should not he? In marrying me, either a fool or a knave, and you are the latter. Signed, Mr. Fratt Crangle, left me a legacy, and I am part of the large property he left behind him. Signed, I am the only child of Mr. Fratt Crangle, late Lieutenant. I shall most assuredly keep the whole property of my father, Mr. Fratt Crangle, while, as you know, as you must know, I was, and am, the only child of Mr. Fratt Crangle, late etc. etc. I had an excellent match in view for you, Mr. Sir Gilbert De Gobi, Mr. Sir Gilbert De Gobi, Mr. Sir Gilbert De Gobi, Mr. Knicker's friend, Mr. Sir Gilbert De Gobi, Mr. Sir Gilbert De Gobi, he will endure the disappointment. And now, Mr. Baymount, you have lost me, and you have lost Sir Gilbert De Gobi, and you have lost your character, and other fine matches that I've had crafted for you, and other fine matches that I've had crafted for you.

I remain,

Your unforgiving mother,

BARBARA VANCLEVE FRATT CRANGLE.

I have one comfort left. Your runaway wedding has saved me the expense of providing an outfit for you. Mr. Baymount, you have lost me, and you have lost Sir Gilbert De Gobi, and you have lost your character, and other fine matches that I've had crafted for you, and other fine matches that I've had crafted for you.

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THE BAYMOUNTS.

IN FOUR PARTS.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY MISS LESLIE, AUTHOR OF "MRS. WASHINGTON POTTS, &c., &c.

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PART FOURTH.

Just three little Lucy was in front feeding the chickens, with her own basket on her arm, and looking half frightened at her father, exclaimed:

"Cousin Randal's coming! Here's first at the gate."

"Go bring him in," said the farmer. "Great was the delight that shone in the face of the family, and Lucy plunged her arms behind to run and greet her future cousin, who appeared before she got out of the door. In a moment she returned with a young man leading her by the hand, and holding his hand very tightly.

"Randal," said the farmer, "sit down and take some breakfast."

Randal cheerfully complied, and Lucy ran for two cups of coffee, and of which she placed before him, and they were accompanied by some delicious cakes, and they were accompanied by some delicious cakes, and they were accompanied by some delicious cakes

sense. The witness makes himself acquainted with that spot, so as to stand a cross-examination as to the surrounding objects, and his education is complete. But as peasants have only a false sense existence, as this exquisite ability is not applicable to all cases; the witness must have a reason for being on the spot, [illegible] enough to fix the identity of the circumstantiality; and, as false witnesses cannot be found at every turn, the difficulty of making a search for the criminal, and that the witness was absent, he pretends to have been on the day and at the hour in question. It is often impossible; to say nothing of the possibility and probability of his being found out—if, on the part of the prosecution, that the person cannot well have been there. Inbred cold, fever, surprise in favour of the first suggestion, is said to be difficult to find introduction witnesses who have to overcome the proper qualifications to prove a concerted alibi, save always where the prisoner is the champion of a class; and then, according to my experience—and as to that time—to the difficulty is greatly reduced.

These incidental illustrate the soundness of the well known proposition, that accuser of truth with falsehood, augmented to the highest degree the reckless power of the venomous ingredient. That man was no more sensible than in the act of deceiving, who first discovered the importance of the liar being parsimonious in verisimilitude. The mind has a stomach as well as an eye, and if the lobe be neat falsehood, it will be rejected like an overdose of sweet which does not kill.

Let the jurymen ponder these things, and be sure how he lets his mind [illegible] a conviction either for or against the prisoner. To perform the duties of his office, so that the days which he spends in the jury box may not be misspent, his eyes, his ears, and his intellect must be ever on the watch. A witness in the box, and the same man in common life, are different creatures. Coming to give evidence, "he sheds under a late change." Sometimes he becomes more truthful, as he ought to do, if any change is necessary; but, unhappily, this is not the case with the least of all in the case of those whose testimony is often required.

I remember a person, whom I frequently heard to give evidence quite out of harmony with the facts, but I shall state neither his name nor his profession. A gentleman who knew perfectly well the reputable designation which his evidence deserved, told me of his death. I exclaimed to think it was a loss which might be borne, and testified upon his sobriety, to which he replied "I quite agree with you in every thing, but—Well! after all, I do not think he ever told a falsehood in his life—out of the witness box."

Miscellaneous.

THE GREAT DISTURBANCE IN THE SILVER MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

FROM THE LONDON TIMES, NOVEMBER 28.

A singular rise which has been going on for some time in the price of silver, has created much inquiry. The idea that it may be owing to the influx of California gold naturally occurs to every one, and gives the subject its chief interest. In ordinary times the question might be easily settled, but, from the peculiar state of the Continent, together with the change recently made in the Dutch currency, a definite conclusion at present is rendered impossible.

The three causes now in operation, namely, the Californian influx, the requirements for the pay and maintenance of the Dutch army, and the substitution of silver for gold in Holland, have come into active operation almost simultaneously. They all have the same tendency, and the last, therefore, simply is, to discover the proportionate influence of each. For this, however, the materials are wanting. We do not know with certainty what actual increase which has taken place in the supply of gold, or, as regards silver, the quantity absorbed in Germany, or on the Continent generally, either by the arming or from hoarding, or other causes, and even if this information were before us, we should still be ignorant of the total stock of bullion in the world, upon the strength of which alone could any accurate calculation be founded.

Although, however, we must thus wait until some of the perplexing elements of the question shall have been removed—for if the war seems were to terminate, and the effect of the Dutch legislation had passed away, we should then have no difficulty in looking to California for its solution—there are many considerations that may, even now, throw some light upon the matter, and which may be usefully borne in mind in watching the future.

We have remarked that all the influences now existing, operate in one way. The only direct mode in which any effect from the California gold could first be observed, would be by looking at the relative price of stock. We must account for the state of the market for gold by the purchasing power of that metal; and unless in the least favourable circumstances we find this purchasing power, as it is too liable to fluctuation from any cause,

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From Washington.

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Mr. Dodd, Messrs. Clay, Douglass and Allen appeared in their seats.

Mr. Pearce presented the petition of the Constitution-ists of a railroad and canal from Cairo, on the Mississippi River, to the bay of San Francisco, and to enable them to establish military posts, and to grant land to actual settlers thereon.

Mr. Benton explained in a long speech his views as to how he is a national Democrat, and why he is continually beaten connected by the house of Representatives, and followed in the same line; because he refused to adopt a real paper system of travelling in the dark, and to know how known or to be known. It is to construct a railroad, plank-road, a good common road, bridges and ferries, and also for preliminary. The main road goes straight to the Pacific, and will be sixteen hundred miles long; one branch will run to Santa Fe, three hundred miles long, and another to Oregon, three hundred miles long. The grant of land to be one hundred miles wide, which is a whole mission of land grants, and will be worth one hundred and fifty millions or more.

A number of petitions were presented, and referred to the proper committees.

Mr. Foote called up the resolution to extend the Capitol of the United States northward to Washington, D. C. At the last session this bill was reported by the Senate, and passed, with a few amendments making the stock non-taxable.

Mr. Dixon moved to add the House amendments to the bill. Mr. Rockwood Hoar, of Massachusetts, opposed the amendment

Selected Poetry.

THE FUTURE LIFE.

BY WM C BRYANT

How shall I know them in the spirit world to whom
The dust that once contained them shall return?
When all of them that were could within clasps
And greetings and the kiss of love are still?

For I shall find the step of boyhood too
If there I meet the gentle presence not—
Nor know the mien that, when the spirit rose
In sky settings, o'ver the leader thought.

Will not thy own symphonic descended the thrill—
That form, from kindred flesh to me, were given?
No sooner shall the voice in thy presence—
Shall it be launched from thy tongue as thereto?

In an unknown dressed by Heaven's life for strong wind,
In the tongue-tongue of God, glory exchanged,
And keeper encounters of its undivined mind.
With the deep-fitted love, that passed so long!

The love that lived through all the stormy past
And meekly with our hardest nature bore,
And deepened power and tenderness to the last,
Shall it expire with life and be no more?

A happier life than none, and longer light
Await their favorites in the land unknown,
Where the mind shall dwell in undisturbed delight,
In cheerful homage to the rule of right,
And love itself, and understand, good for ill.

For me, the sordid cares in which I dwell,
Shrink and consume my heart, as heat the scroll;
And wrath has left its scepter-like art of hell
Has left its frightful sone upon my soul.

Yet, from those flames no light of glory rises,
With them not keep the same beloved name,
The same sweet, cheerful face and gentle dress,
Lovelier in Heaven's own world than in our home?

Shall these not touch me in that calmer home
The wisdom that I learned so ill in this?
The wisdom that is love—till I become
Thy fit companion in that land of bliss.

PASSING THOUGHTS.

BY CHARLES SWAIN

At late seven and the same time
It was when we were young—
When it only made the sunshine
With sweet mirth, and song!
As time is set the same time
With many a rose we know,
And as the sport close-by!
There's many a friend for me!

At time is not the same time
It was in days of yore;
Then children smiled around us
That could for us no more—
But here in the same sunlight
That we, love, may not see.
Are looking from from pastime
And blooming there and me

And when the days shall rise, love,
And rose to the same time
Our children from the skies, love,
Shall cause to other time
Though in the time to meet us,
And left us to the sight,
That hands be lent to pass us,
And lead us to our rest!

Leaves from History

THE TRUE STORY OF JANE McCREA.

FROM LOSSING'S PICTORIAL FIELD BOOK OF THE REVOLUTION.

The first place of historic interest that we visited at Fort Edward was the venerable and still picturesque tree, near which, tradition asserts, the unfortunate Jane McCrea, lost her life while General Burgoyne took his triumphant march to Saratoga Hill. It stands upon the West side of the road leading from Fort Edward to Sandy Hill, and about half a mile from the canal-bank in the former village. The tree had exhibited unmistakable signs of decadence for several years, and when we visited it, in August, last year, the trunk of the top was torn off by a November gale, and almost every larger dimension the size by scattering its decayed limbs. The trunk is about five feet in diameter, and upon the bark is engraved, in bold letters, JANE McCREA, 1777. The names of many sentimental visitors are inscribed upon it, and reminded me of the "Lovers' Oak, in Glendale, carve on every tree." In a few years this tree, around which history and romance have clustered in more than usual interest, will have passed away forever.

The sad story of the unfortunate girl is so interwoven in our history that it has become a component part, but it is told with so many variations, in essential and non-essential particulars, that much of the narrative we have is evidently pure fiction, a simple tale of Indian ebullition, resulting in death, having its counterpart in a hundred. No occurrence, has been garnished with all the high coloring of a romantic love story. It seems a pity to spoil the romance of the matter, but truth always makes and leaves with the finest work of the imagination, and utterly demands the homage of the historian's pen.

All accounts agree that Miss McCrea was staying at the house of a Mrs. M'Neil, near the fort, at the time of the battle. A grand-daughter of Mrs. M'Neil (Mrs. Farnham) is now living at Fort Edward, and from her I received a minute account of the whole transaction, as she had heard it a "thousand times" from her grandmother. She is a woman of remarkable intelligence, also of sixty years old. When I was at Fort Edward she was on a visit with her mother at Glens Falls. It had been my intention to go direct to Whitehall, on Lake Champlain, by way of Fort Ann, but the evidently attractive to the neighborhood of the events in question, were so conflictory of the books and I resolved and such assurances that perfect tedium might be placed upon the statements of Mrs. Farnham, that, rather than to ascertain the truth of the matter, if possible, we went to Lake Champlain by way of Glens's Falls and Lake George. After considerable research at the falls, I found Mrs. F——, and the following is the relation of the tragedy at Fort Edward.

Jane McCrea was the daughter of a Scotch Presbyterian clergyman of Jersey City, opposite New York, and while Mrs. M'Neil (then a wife of the former husband named Campbell) was a resident of New York City, on acquaintance and intimacy had grown up between Jenny and her daughter. After the death of Campbell (which occurred as my Mrs. Campbell married Mr. M'Neil. He was now lost at sea, and she returned with her family to an estate owned by him at Fort Edward. Mr. M'Neil, who was a "Blue" and good Loyalist, would let live with her brother near Fort Edward, where the intimacy of former years with Mrs. M'Neil and her daughter was renewed, and Jane spent much of her time at Mr. M'Neil's house. Near her brother's lived a family named Jones, consisting a widow and six sons, and between Jenny and David Jones, a gay young man, a feeling of friendship budded and ripened into mutual love. When the war broke out the Joneses took the loyal side of the question, and David Jones joined the British, and went to Canada in the autumn of 1776. They passed a company of about sixty men, under pretext of re-enforcing the American garrisons at Ticonderoga, but they went further down the lake and joined the British garrison at Crown Point. Miss Burgoyne collected his forces at St. John's, at the foot of Lake Champlain. David and Jenny were among them. Jonathan was under Captain and David a Lieutenant in the division under General Fraser, and at the time in question they were with the British army near Sandy Hill. Time (as all accounts tend) right.

The brother of Jones was a Whig, and prepared to move to Albany; but Mrs. M'Neil, who was a cousin of General Fraser (titled at that time), was a staunch loyalist, and intended to remain at Fort Edward. When the British came near, Jenny was at Mrs. M'Neil's, and inspired there even after repeated solicitations from her brother to return to his home, five miles further down the river, to be ready to flee when necessary to avoid capture. Under hope that the matter would be settled amicably, and that her brother would soon return to the following day.

Early the next morning a band of Indians belonging to Mr. M'Neil visited some Indians shortly approaching the house, and giving the alarm to the inmates, he fled to the east, about eight rods distant. Mrs. M'Neil's daughter, the young friend of Jenny, and another woman, ran out, was with some friends in Albany, and the inmate consisted of the widow and Jenny, the aged Indians, and a black female servant. As about at that time, the Indians about a few feet from the house, and when the alarm was given the black woman scattered up the children, fled to the kitchen, and retreated through a trap-door to the cellar. Mrs. M'Neil and Jenny followed, but the former being aged and very corpulent and the latter young and agile, Jenny reached the trap-door first. Mrs. M'Neil could only descend, the Indians were in the house, and a powerful savage seized her by the hair and dragged her up. Another took the cellar and brought out Jenny, but the black foot of the negro woman was not seen in the dark, and she and the children remained unharmed.

With the two women the savages started off, on the road to Sandy Hill, for Burgoyne's camp, and when they came in the foot of the ascent on which the pine tree stands, where the road forks off, they caught two horses that were grazing, and attempted to place their prisoners upon them. Mrs. M'Neil said that the Indians, who were hurrying her up the hill, seemed to watch the flash of the guns, and several times they threw her upon her face, at the same time falling down themselves, and she distinctly heard the balls whistle above them. When they got above the second hill from the village the firing ceased; they then stopped, aligned her of all her garments except her chemise, and in that plight led her into the British camp. There she met her kinsmen, General Fraser, and reproached him bitterly for sending his "accursed Indians" after her. He denied all knowledge of the thing, and the matter was soon hushed up.

A pious white matron she, about three feet from the pine tree, the deed of barbarity. Here she marks the spot of her interment. Not far from the tree is a small monument, erected to the memory of Duncan Campbell, a Scotch officer of the same line near, members of the family of Donald Campbell, who was Jenny's man who was with Montgomery at the storming of Quebec in 1775.

Wit and Humor.

THE COON HUNT, OR A FENCY COUNTRY.

"It really astonishing what a monstrous sight of people there is in this world," said Mr. Jones, "as was to be exhausted to a conclusion, as the doctor's call it, it would be found to contain all sorts of curiosities, from cents' and steam' up to murders, and though life would be a very dull affair if it could to turn all the world out of their senses. If a man is to be hanged, he'll bring a crowd to see it, or somefine too does the measles, and if he's a good fat nabbin sort of a fellow, walloon as long as he's particularly well fed, and all his grease, it's darkest secret, and produced a sudden and unaccountable sympathy for him. This sort of feeling is peculiar to the human species. This sort of feeling is peculiar to the human species. This sort of feeling is peculiar to the human species